

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cord holder comprising:
  - a. a an elliptically shaped pouch;
  - b. a first opening at one end of the pouch;
  - c. a second opening at the opposite end of the pouch; said first opening being wider in diameter than said second opening; and
  - d. the pouch being shaped so that its width near the middle is wider than its width at either of the end openings.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Currently Amended) A cord holder comprising:
  - a. a an elliptically shaped pouch;
  - b. an opening at one end of the pouch; and
  - c. the pouch being shaped so that its width near the middle is wider than its width at the ends.
4. (Currently Amended) The cord holder of claim 1, ~~2, or 3~~, wherein a zipper runs longitudinally along at least one end of the pouch allowing that opening to be widened for easier insertion or removal of the cord.
5. (Currently Amended) The cord holder of claim 1, ~~2, or 3~~, wherein the pouch is composed of cloth or canvas.

6. (Currently Amended) The cord holder of claim 1, ~~2, or 3~~, wherein the pouch is made of flexible polyurethane.
7. (Cancelled).
8. (Cancelled).
9. (Currently Amended) The cord holder of claim 1, ~~2, or 3~~, wherein the pouch has means for closing the open ends.
10. (Currently Amended) The cord holder of claim 1, ~~2, or 3~~, wherein the pouch has flaps at the ends that can be closed and held shut using ~~where~~ a hook and loop closure mechanism.
11. (Cancelled).
12. (Cancelled).
13. (Cancelled).
14. (Currently Amended) The cord holder of claim 1, ~~2, or 3~~, wherein the pouch has drawstrings at the ends that can be closed and held shut by pulling the drawstrings taut and securing them.
15. (Cancelled).
16. (Cancelled).
17. (Cancelled).
18. (Cancelled).
19. (Currently Amended) The cord holder of claim 1, ~~2, or 3~~, wherein the pouch has a means for grasping for carrying.
20. (Currently Amended) The cord holder of claim 1, ~~2, or 3~~, wherein the pouch has a handle attached for ease in carrying.

21. (Cancelled).
22. (Currently Amended) The cord holder of claim 1, ~~2, or 3~~, wherein the pouch has means for hanging it on a nail, peg, or dowel.
23. (Original) The cord holder of claim 22, wherein the means for hanging is a hole in the pouch for hanging onto a nail, peg, or dowel.
24. (Original) The cord holder of claim 22, wherein the means for hanging is a loop on the pouch for hanging onto a nail, peg, or dowel.
25. (Withdrawn) The method of storing a cord using the apparatus of claim 1 or 2, comprising the steps of:
- a. coiling or bunching the cord;
  - b. inserting a hand through a first open end of the pouch into the pouch;
  - c. reaching through to the second open end of the pouch;
  - d. grasping and pulling the coil or bundle of cord through the second open end of the pouch into the pouch; and
  - e. releasing the cord to allow it to expand inside the pouch.
26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 25, further including the steps of:  
securing the cord by a means for closure of at least one of the ends of the pouch.
27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is a drawstring.
28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is a flap.
29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is a button and buttonhole.
30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is a snap.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is a strap with buckle.
32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is a zipper.
33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is velcro.